

Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 11 – Term 2 2023

Thursday 22 June 2023



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Ms Campo's news....

What a wonderful community we belong to!

Our school has had the worst experience imaginable five weeks ago. The support we have had every day since - from our student, staff and parent community, the wider community around us, our network of schools (local and widespread), the Department, Emergency services, agencies (such as Mackillop, TAC, TLC Kids, the Amber Community, State Schools Relief... and the list goes on) and from people we don't even know, has been immensely kind, thoughtful and restorative.

The kind gestures we have received on almost a daily basis are so gratefully appreciated. There have been so many donations for the children, those directly involved in the accident and also for all our children – teddy bears, care packs, books and trauma teddies. There have been donations for our affected families - fruit and veg packages, fuel vouchers, supermarket vouchers, groceries, shoes and clothing. There have been fundraising efforts carried out by other schools, by businesses connected with our families, businesses with no direct connection to our school, Go Fund Mes and the general local fundraising efforts. Funds have been deposited with TLC Kids to directly help out our affected families and also through Melton PS for our school to use to assist all our children through additional therapies, trauma informed counsellors and therapy dogs.

I particularly want to acknowledge our amazing staff who have spent every moment of every school day supporting our kids through this difficult time. They have been tireless in their comfort for the kids, compassionate, caring, cheerful and they have been entirely focused on the children's recovery over the past five weeks. We are so fortunate in the wonderful educators we have at our school!

To everyone who has supported our children and our school in any way, you have our sincere thanks.

End of Term 2 ...Pyjama Day!

Tomorrow is the last day of Term 2 and we will celebrate the day by all coming to school in their pyjamas, dressing gowns, beanies, oodles, slippers and uggies. Our families are welcome to rock up in their jammies too – so long as you are heading home after that, you might get a few funny looks if you have to catch the train into work!

We also have a special treat lined up for the children and staff courtesy of Eynesbury Kinder, with Hot Chocolates (complete with marshmallows and a chocolate biscuit!) for a class experience throughout the day. Our thanks to the parents who have offered to come and help (would you make sure we have your Working With Children Check on file, please).

Thanks to Brad, Jack's and Max's dad who has organised a fruit delivery for the children to help celebrate our Pyjama Day tomorrow. Thanks to Coles Fresh Fruit Warehouse for supporting our children so kindly with delicious apples, berries, bananas and mandarins.

We will have our usual Friday afternoon Assembly at 2:10 pm where we will celebrate all our Students of the Week for the last week of term. We will have a 2:30 pm dismissal and bus pick-up time, as we usually do for the last day at the end of the school term.

Please note that Term 3 will begin for the students and staff on Monday 10 July 2023

We hope that everyone has a relaxing holiday period, where we can all recharge our batteries.

Coming up

- Friday 23 June
 - Pyjama Day – children and staff
 - Hot Chocolate for all classes
 - End of Term 2 – 2.30 pm dismissal
- **School holidays - Monday 26 June – Friday 7 July**
- Monday 10 July - **Term 3 begins** for children and staff
- Monday 7 August – Semester One Professional Practice Day

*At Exford these qualities are really important:
and it's up to all of us to show them every day in
everything we say and everything we do!*



RESPECT



KINDNESS



PERSONAL BEST

Staff replacements

I want to acknowledge our neighbouring schools from across the Brimbank Melton network for providing us with replacement staff over the past five weeks to give our staff a mental health day, following our bus accident. We have had replacement teachers, Education Support staff, leading teachers and principal class staff join us. Given the current climate of there being next to no replacement staff available, this makes their gesture even kinder and more special as it had an impact on each school who supported Exford PS. We would like to acknowledge Mrs Vanessa Harrison, Principal at Melton PS and her office team for organising and co-ordinating the roster of support for our school team and for managing the accounting around the donations made to the children of Exford PS. These funds are now in the process of being transferred to Exford PS, and will be overseen by the DET Fundraising Committee we have set up and also by our School Council's Finance Committee.

The support we have received from our community has been just amazing and so kind. To be cared for by our community, as we care for our kids, has been truly heartwarming and we send everyone our thanks.

Professional Practice Day

As per the Victorian Government Schools Agreement, in 2023 teachers receive one PP Day per semester. The Department have authorised a replacement day for our school ;this day will be held on Monday 7 August and will be a Pupil Free Day. I will ask our OSH Club to contact families about providing a day program for this day for our working families.

Thanks to our Gotcha helpers

A big thank you to the families, friends and staff who have helped to put the Gotcha toys together at this busy time. Thanks to:



- Mr Campo's mum, as always, who has been knitting Gotcha toys for us right from the very start of Gotchas
- Sam (Max)
- Pooja (Ariah, Ayanna and Amber)
- Gabby (Izzy) (and also for sewing up the red knitting bags for Knitting Club 😊)
- Belinda and Shannon (Olivia)
- Ms Villari's mother-in-law

- Mr Campo's Aunt Marg and her friend who have helped with knitting some Gotcha toys
- Mr Wilson's sister and her friend who are currently knitting some Gotcha toys
- Ms Killeen who has offered to knit some Gotcha toys over the holidays



Thank you to the other families who have reached out and will help with making the next round of toys for the children. The Gotcha knitted toys are a much-loved part of our school tradition, but keeping up with their manufacture at this time was proving a bit of a challenge - so my sincere thanks to everyone for helping to keep things as normal as possible for our children.

Car Park / Traffic Management

Our car park is a very busy place, especially whilst under construction. All cars should enter via the entrance, which is closest to our administration building. The front section of the car park is strictly **one way** traffic, with traffic flowing towards the exit of the school. Our car park is and will continue to be impacted by our construction works and it will all be worth it in the end – but in the interim, our driving patiently, carefully, courteously and slowly is essential for the safety of our kids.

2023 dates to remember

Term 2

Friday 23 June

- Pyjama Day – children and staff
- End of Term 2 – 2:30 pm dismissal
 - School holidays - Monday 26 June – Friday 7 July

Dates which have been postponed

- Life Education Program
- Year 5 – 6 Swimming Program
- Year 3-4 Melbourne Museum and IMAX Excursion
- MPSSA Sports events

Please note that we have postponed these events to remove bus travel for our children until they have had a chance to recover. We hope to have new dates shortly.

Term 3

Monday 10 July

- Term 3 begins for staff and students

Wednesday 26 July

- Bunnings Activity Day for our students

Monday 7 August

- Semester One Professional Practice Day (replacement day)

Thursday 10 August

- Semester One student reports will be sent home

Friday 11 August

- Police in Schools Program (Year 3-6 classes)

Carpark/ Traffic Management continued

We had a team from Melton Council visit us yesterday and we had a visit from the CEO of Melton Council today. We spoke about the commitment to changing the speed zones at the front of the school and also the short and long term improvements to our car park condition and arrangements. I will keep you informed once we hear back from the Council teams after their engineering studies.

Melton Police are also keeping a high profile to remind passing drivers about adhering to speed zones.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE SOON

Prep applications will also close at the end of this term

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/CSEF_application_form.pdf

Our Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our school's ICT budget to provide our kids with access to Reading Eggs, and iPads.

We will hold a range of fun fundraising activities throughout the year, some are traditional parts of our Fundraising approach and these happen each year.

- Term 3 – Father's Day Stall
- Term 4 – End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ

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|  | Our 2023 target is... \$5,000 - \$10,000. |
| Our Tally so far... | \$5079.60 |
| Easter Raffle | \$1,654.60 |
| Furniture Sales | \$3,425.00 |

| CLASS | Art | PE | LOTE (French) | Science |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| Prep Akamatis | Wednesday | Friday | Wednesday | Thursday |
| Prep Smyth | Wednesday | Friday | Wednesday | Thursday |
| Year 1-2 Ambrose | Thursday | Wednesday | Monday | Monday |
| Year 1-2 Roe | Thursday | Wednesday | Monday | Monday |
| Year 1-2 Romanski | Monday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
| Year 1-2 Talevski | Monday | Monday | Wednesday | Wednesday |
| Year 3-4 Jones | Monday | Tuesday | Monday | Friday |
| Year 3-4 Micallef | Tuesday | Monday | Monday | Friday |
| Year 3-4 Monagle | Monday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
| Year 5-6 Fyfe | Tuesday | Wednesday | Tuesday | Thursday |
| Year 5-6 Higgins | Tuesday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
| Year 5-6 Mounsey | Wednesday | Tuesday | Tuesday | Thursday |

Office News

Uniform / Lost Property – a reminder to ensure all uniform items are clearly marked with your child's name, this enables us to return items to your child without delay.

Asthma & Anaphylaxis Plans – A reminder to return your child's Asthma and / or Anaphylaxis plans back to the Office. If you have misplaced this document, please call Mrs Kelly in the Office.

Attendance – Every moment of every day counts

Did you know that:

When children regularly arrive late, they miss out on so much:

- They miss on the lovely morning meet and greet that connects children to their classmates, staff and classroom environment and is an important part of children feeling that they belong
- We schedule literacy and numeracy for our morning lessons – so regular lateness means that children are missing critical learning
- The opportunity to prepare for the school day (including changing their Take Home book for reading that night)

Please help your child to arrive on time for and to be at school EVERY day.

Please make sure that your child is only absent if they are unwell – EVERY day at school counts.

If your child has missed 5 days or less this school year.

This will support your child to achieve their best at school – academically and personally.

If your child has missed more than 10 days this school year.

The amount of time your child is missing will impact on their learning and their friendships.

CAUTION - If your child has missed more than 15 days this school year - your child is missing so much time from school that it will be extremely difficult for them to keep up with their learning, their friendships and to feel connected to school.

A reminder that all holiday absences require an Absence Learning Plan, developed with your child's teacher and signed by the Principal or Assistant Principal to cover your child's absence.

Please make sure that you use the FlexiSchools app or email the school directly on exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au – all student absences must be explained in writing.

Happy Birthdays!!

To our students who celebrated their birthday 9 - 22 June

Aleeza, Seerat, Racheal, Sam, Ryan, Chloe, Deegan, Zayaan, Ciarah, Mia. A, Mia. M, Tatham and Lily.

We love celebrating birthdays at school, making a fuss over the child who is celebrating and (individually wrapped store-bought) birthday treats are always welcome! We also love for birthday children to visit us in the Office for a sticker and birthday song.

Having birthdays at school is a very special event and if your child is absent on their birthday, they miss out on all the fuss made over them.

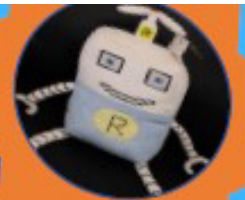




Personal Best

Student of the Week

Respect



Week 5

Week 6

| | Student | Exford Value | Student | Exford Value |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Year Prep Akamatis | Avery | Personal Best | Ali | Kindness |
| Year Prep Smyth | Betty | Personal Best | Aleeza | Personal Best |
| Year 1 - 2 Ambrose | Aurora | Personal Best | Taela | Personal Best |
| Year 1 - 2 Roe | Minnie | Personal Best | Angad | Personal Best |
| Year 1 - 2 Romanski | Levi | Respect | Alina | Respect |
| Year 1 - 2 Talevski | Tavleen | Personal Best | Ritish | Personal Best |
| Year 3 - 4 Jones | Aarish | Personal Best | Shailene | Personal Best |
| Year 3 - 4 Micallef | Eamonn | Personal Best | Ahana | Personal Best |
| Year 3 - 4 Monagle | Nate | Personal Best | Dawood | Respect |
| Year 5 - 6 Fyfe | Joshua | Personal Best | Alexia | Personal Best |
| Year 5 - 6 Higgins | Gabriel | Kindness | Ryder | Respect |
| Year 5 - 6 Mounsey | Zoe | Personal Best | Annabella | Personal Best |
| The Arts | Ariah | Personal Best | - | - |
| Physical Education | Charlie | Personal Best | Lani | Personal Best |
| French | Coby | Personal Best | Caelan | Respect |
| Science | Lachlan | Kindness | Ella | Personal Best |
| OSH Club | Kaiden | Respect | Emity | Personal Best |
| Ms Campo | Marcus & Ella | Respect / Kindness | Japreet | Kindness |
| Mr Wilson | Riley | Personal Best | - | - |

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week Certificates for Week 5 & 6

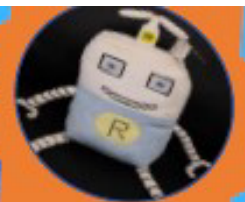
Kindness



Personal
Best



Respect



Student of the Week

Week 7

Week 8

| | Student | Exford Value | Student | Exford Value |
|---------------------|----------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Year Prep Akamatis | Xavier | Kindness | Zaiden | Personal Best |
| Year Prep Smyth | Monson | Personal Best | Kalolaine | Respect |
| Year 1 - 2 Ambrose | Jaskirat | Kindness | Aydin | Kindness |
| Year 1 - 2 Roe | Alayna | Personal Best | Avlyn | Personal Best |
| Year 1 - 2 Romanski | Kingston | Respect | Zaynab | Personal Best |
| Year 1 - 2 Talevski | Zayaan | Respect | Tristina | Kindness |
| Year 3 - 4 Jones | Faatea | Respect | Kiara | Personal Best |
| Year 3 - 4 Micallef | Uvraj | Personal Best | Charitha | Personal Best |
| Year 3 - 4 Monagle | Amber | Respect | Dawood | Personal Best |
| Year 5 - 6 Fyfe | Addisson | Personal Best | Elissia | Kindness |
| Year 5 - 6 Higgins | Adele | Kindness | Chloe-Louise | Respect |
| Year 5 - 6 Mounsey | Ammon | Kindness | Koen | Respect |
| The Arts | Nakita | Personal Best | Riley | Personal Best |
| Physical Education | Sam | Personal Best | Lesley | Respect |
| French | Zayaan | Personal Best | Charlotte | Kindness |
| Science | Kyle | Personal Best | Mackenzie | Kindness |
| OSH Club | Shailene | Personal Best | - | - |
| Ms Campo | Saraiya | Personal Best | Annabella | Respect |
| Mr Wilson | Leroy | Personal Best | Liam | Kindness |

*Congratulations to the following students who
received **Student of the Week**
Certificates for Week 7 & 8*

Kindness



THE ARTS

We have had a *great term* in the Art Room.

Students in year Prep to Year 2 have been exploring elements of Performing Arts by learning about Rhythm and Beat.

Year 3-4 students have been learning how to sew, and have created some amazing Ugly Dolls.

Year 5-6 students have been exploring many elements of art, including line to create optical illusions. We are working on finishing our paper mache cow display.

THE ARTS



Feeling the beat!



Harper's finished ugly doll.



Kardinya working to finish her ugly doll.



Faatea with his ugly doll.

Ryan and Elijah working on their paper mache cow.



Sienna, Anmol and Amneet working on their cow.



KNITTING Club





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LUNCHTIME Clubs



EYNESBURY WINTER Festival '23

23 JUNE - 9 JULY



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SUN - THURS 10AM - 8PM

FRI & SAT 10AM - 9PM



FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

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| <p>MON 26</p> <p>COOKIE DECORATING CLASS Decorate a snowman cookie At 11am & 2pm</p> <p>KIDS EAT FREE AT MS PEACOCK From 12pm - 8pm</p>  | <p>TUES 27</p> <p>MAGIC SHOW With Eynesbury's favourite Micky Magic At 12pm & 2pm</p> <p>KIDS EAT FREE AT MS PEACOCK From 12pm - 8pm</p> | <p>WED 28</p> <p>COOKIE DECORATING CLASS Decorate a snowman cookie At 11am & 2pm</p> <p>DISNEY CHARACTERS Roaming between 12pm & 4pm</p> <p>WINTER THEMED TRIVIA NIGHT At Ms Peacock From 6pm</p> | <p>THURS 29</p> <p>REPTILE ENCOUNTERS Discover the amazing world of reptiles From 12pm - 4pm</p> <p>ICE HOCKEY EXHIBITION MATCH From 7pm</p>  | <p>FRI 30</p> <p>COOKIE DECORATING CLASS Decorate a snowman cookie At 11am & 2pm</p> <p>PONY RIDES Join in for some four legged fun From 12pm - 4pm</p> | <p>SAT 1</p> <p>WINTER SOLSTICE</p> <p>Fireworks, bonfire, African drumming, fire performers & food trucks From 5pm</p>  | <p>SUN 2</p> <p>BAND/LIVE MUSIC From 2pm</p> |
| <p>MON 3</p> <p>COOKIE DECORATING CLASS Decorate a snowman cookie At 11am & 2pm</p> <p>KIDS EAT FREE AT MS PEACOCK From 12pm - 8pm</p> | <p>TUES 4</p> <p>MAGIC SHOW With Eynesbury's favourite Micky Magic At 12pm & 2pm</p> <p>KIDS EAT FREE AT MS PEACOCK From 12pm - 8pm</p> | <p>WED 5</p> <p>COOKIE DECORATING CLASS Decorate a snowman cookie At 11am & 2pm</p> <p>DISNEY CHARACTERS Roaming between 12pm & 4pm</p> <p>WINTER THEMED TRIVIA NIGHT At Ms Peacock From 6pm</p> | <p>THURS 6</p> <p>REPTILE ENCOUNTERS Discover the amazing world of reptiles From 12pm - 4pm</p>  | <p>FRI 7</p> <p>COOKIE DECORATING CLASS Decorate a snowman cookie At 11am & 2pm</p> <p>PONY RIDES Join in for some four legged fun From 12pm - 4pm</p> <p>NIGHT MARKET Fresh food, produce, arts & crafts From 5pm</p>  | <p>SAT 8</p> <p>CIRCUS ENTERTAINERS From 12pm - 4pm</p> | <p>SUN 9</p> <p>BAND/LIVE MUSIC From 2pm</p> <p>LAST DAY!</p>  |

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ICE RINK AT THE EYNESBURY
WINTER FESTIVAL

\$43

PER CHILD*

INCLUDES:

**45 MINS ICE SKATING
RINK MARSHALL**

PARTY FOOD • TABLE SET UP • GOODIE BAG

*MINIMUM 8 CHILDREN

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